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Mara offers views Alcohol Awareness Week on CLT Educates students

by Tom Mullings Contributing writer

The passage of Question 3, the Citizens for Limited Taxation initiative petition, could mean the difference between a tuition increase and a huge tuition increase, according to President Vincent J Mara.

"If CLT passes, Fitchburg State College, in my opinion, will be alive and well (next semester) and tuition will more than double," Mara said.

With CLT, the president predicts next semester's tuition could skyrocket an additional \$1500. Even if the CLT petition is defeated in November, Mara said students can still expect an increase of approximately \$300-\$400. "We will have increased cost, not related to CLT, but to the state economy," he said.

The reaction of FSC students towards Question 3 has attracted the attention of Mara. "Our students have really grabbed onto the anti-CLT sentiment. They realize either you pay a lot more money or you may not have a college to go to," he said.

President Mara said the college will remain open because of such operational factors as its enrollment, management and lean administrators. "The legislators will say that FSC is one state college we ought to keep."

Public higher education will once again be an area that faces cuts. "If CLT passes, then the state, in an attempt to give money back, is going to make cuts. Higher education is a place where they'll go to get it." A problem the state colleges and universities encounter is

the state legislation. "There isn't much support because they have other things to worry about." Mara said many legislators believe if a student wants to go to a public college or university "then let them pay."

The general public's opinion of CLT is often based on television commercials, advertisements or quick glimpses of a newspaper. "I hope the public reads the (referendum agenda). I'm afraid many don't," Mara said.

The argument for CLT is that it would send a clear message to the state government. "The problem with that argument is that the legislature is running scared." Mara said he believes thenew governor and legislature will have an easier time working out the new budget without CLT hovering over them. "Without CLT, it gives them a chance to put their own proposal together. With CLT, some energy is going to be used to figure out where to put the money back."

CLT does not correct Massachusetts' problems, according to Mara. "If you vote for CLT, all those (financial problems) will be corrected. But that's the fallacy," he said. "How to give (the money) back is another problem."

Another petition which concerns Mara is Question 5, which guarantees a fixed amount to cities and towns. "Toppose Question 5 and the students oppose 5 because if the state gives money back to the cities and towns, there isn't going to be any left (for state colleges and universities)." Mara said question 5 is as important as CLT because the public higher education is "going to get squeezed as well."

by Todd Weldon Strobe staff

Bobbi Crane of Student Affairs, AA (Alcoholics Anonymous), and ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics) sponsored the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week (NAAW), October 14-20, to make FSC students think about alcohol and it's consequences.

It was surprising to Crane at how many of the students picked up the informational pamphlets. While noticing the students, Crane heard students discussing both the positive and negative issues of alcohol. Crane was pleased that students were able to share their views and stated," I just want them to think about it."

Last Monday and Tuesday, in the quad, a damaged car displayed the consequences of a drunk driving accident. Pamphlets and printed alcohol policies covered the driver's side window. "This display," stressed Crane, "is simply for students to stop, look, and think."

As a continuation of Alcohol Awareness Week, all clubs and organizations are invited to participate in a banner competition. Banners must be submitted by October 27. Submitted banners will be displayed in G-Lobby and the winners will be announced later in the day. First prize winners will be awarded a \$75 certificate towards club/organizational T-shirts. The second place winners receives a \$50 certificate towards an item of the club/organization's choice. The Third place prize is a \$25 gift certificate towards the FSC printing shop.

For those who are interested in taking a more active role in alcohol awareness, contact AA or ACOA.



Photo by Michelle Long

Wrecked car on campus in the quad

FSC students rally against CLT

by Christine Houle Strobe staff

On Friday October 12, eight Fitchburg State College students left G-Lobby on a mission. They piled into two cars and drove into Boston to march around the World Trade Center to protest Question 3. Around 10:00a.m. the protesting started in ear-shot of the High Tech Council. There were approximately 100 students participating. This organization is a major money backer of CLT.

Angus McQulker, the University of Massachusetts student spokesman, was asked by the High Tech Council Director, Foley, to visit their chambers to discuss CLT. The other students were only able to express their opinions and problems on Question 3 at a press con-

ference. After more than an hour of protesting outside the World Trade Center, the students marched approximately a mile and a half to the CLT Headquarters near the Boston Common. The chants continued while the Boston police officers stopped traffic so the students could walk across the streets.

Outside the CLT Headquarters, pedestrians passing by heard these chants: "What are you voting no on?—Question 3!" "Vote no on Question 3, it's bad for the economy!" and "Hidi-hi, Hidi-ho!—CLT has got to go!" The by-standers also received handouts full of information on CLT. James Buckley felt that "although we were not of great numbers, we were definitely heard."

There were about 13 to 15

different state colleges participating in the rally. Some of the other schools there along with FSC were UMASS, Framingham, Westfield, Worcester, and Salem State, Berkshire and Greenfield Community Colleges.

The Fitchburg crew consisted of James Buckley, representing SGA, Vanessa Coulacos and Kevin Doucette, both representing the Junior Class, and Brian Knapp, for the Freshman Class. Also in attendance were Marybeth Cowen and Lisa Alves, from Amnesty International, Andy Gobiel representing WXPL, and NickHaley, a Sigma Tau Gamma.

The group had a small demonstration of their own, while on the way back from the CLT Head-quarters they got involved in a debate with a crowd of Bostoni-

ans.

"And when we got our points across and they (the crowd) agreed with us, we walked away," recalled Buckley. "Our voices rang while some people even clapped."

"I heard a lot more ignorant people than I thought I would," noted Cowen.

The day seemed to be a success and the students felt their voices were heard.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Thursday October 25 at 1:30p.m., Economists Michael Turk and Alex Donkor and Political Scientist Feng Chou will analyze the three tax referenda questions on the ballot for November 6. While the media has focused on Question 3, the panelists will analyze the impact each question would have, the combined effect of an two questions and the cumulative effect, should all three pass. The forum will take place in the Kent Recital Hall, Colon Music 150

Health Services needs crutches. If you have an extra pair of crutches in your room, your limping fellow students

On October 29 from 6:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. in the Campus Center, Health Services presents the seminar "Letting Go of Stress." The speaker will be Beatrice Nieme from the Center of Well Being. The seminar focuses on the

On Friday November 2 at 10:00p.m., the English Club will be sponsoring the cult favorite film "Brainstorm" in the Ellis White Lecture Hall.

On Wednesday, November 7, from 6:00-7:00p.m. in the Homes Dining Commons, Susan Morris, nutritionist from DAKA will talk about ways to lose weight.

Noontime Notes would like to announce that on Tuesday October 30, "Moon Beams" will be performing in the Campus Center Lounge (the m & m chairs in the library) from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Admission is free.

On October 29, the Career Services Center is offering a workshop on Resume writing from 3:30 to 5:00p.m. in room 313 of the Hammond Building.

The Career Services Center will be hosting a workshop for Education majors concerning resumes, cover letters and applications. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 30, from 3:30-5:00p.m. in room 313 of the Ham-

Adam Urbanski discusses his ideas that "schools must be restructured as centers of inquiry and reflection - not of unexamined tradition," on Tuesday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Pub. Tickets are \$10 per person and includes a multicultural cuisine buffet.

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SGA update

by Todd Weldon

Last week. President Mara addressed to SGA council his views of the increasing concern for students' safety on and off campus. Mara stated that safety will begin on the campus. "Under no circumstances," emphasized Mara, "will campus police be armed."

Initially when Mara entered his position as President, campus police were armed with weapons. The policy quickly changed when Mara disarmed the campus police. He believed that it simply would

Mara upholds his view because, We simply won't have the potential for violence."

Mara supported his statement in reference to England's police force as an example. He explained that England as a whole, has far less violence compared to the U.S. The reason being, that their police force is not armed.

According to Mara, the increase in violence is "two-fold." The neighborhood around the campus is physically and economically deteriorating. He feels that jealousy plays a major factor in such incidents. The scenario he presented is how the locals view the FSC students as being spoiled, wealthy, and pampered. However, Mara reiterated that in most cases, this is not true.

Although there is no direct correlation with Alcohol Awareness Week, Mara believes previous confrontations and violence with the locals were alcohol related. He recalled to mind last year's alcohol related incidents where female students were sexually harassed by other students. Mara sadly commented, "Instead of fraternal love, we have vio-

SGA council members were concerned how campus police could insure the safety of students on and off campus. Vanessa Coulacous, class president of 1992, noticed the increase in violence in her three years at FSC. She felt that the under-cover police during the initial 3-4 weeks of the semester seemed to reduce the number of violent incidents. Coulacous dents are alcohol related. However, she is concerned about the present status of the under-cover police. "It's unfortunate," she stated, "the program that seemed to work was cut out of the budget.'

Mara responded that FSC cover police because of the budget cuts although it received positive feedback. Once Mara receives a written report, and money can be allotted, he maintains that the administration will be willing to spend the money.

Shane Rodriguez, class representative for '93, inquired how an incident involving students with weapons in a residence hall. Mara replied that if the R.A. or R.D. could not resolve the situation, "It would be up to the discretion of campus police, they'll handle it or they'll call the (Leominster) State Police.'

SGA president, James Buckley, suggested that students also make equal efforts. Buckley added, "For nine months, we are citizens of Fitchburg. We should be treated like citizens and we should act like citizens.'

In order to insure the students' safety, Buckley emphasized, "We must work with them (Fitchburg police), if we expect them to work with us.

Mara offered SGA council some positive steps to insure the safety of students. He suggested the continual support of the Student Escort Service. He also emphasized the need to continue the currently favorable relations between FSC and the Fitchburg po-

Mara advises that the Programs Committee and students join together to increase more programs on campus. Essentially, he would like "alternative activities in order for students to stay out of the neighborhood." Since off-campus students are prone to the violent incidents, Mara suggests students to look for on-campus housing or otherwise move closer to the campus.

Motion #13 approved the appointment of Shane Rodriguez to the position of representative for the class of 1993

Motion #15 approved the appointment of Brian Knapp to the position of treasurer for the class

Motion #16 approved the appointment of George Lopez to the position of representative for the class of 1994. Lopez, who is bilingual in English and Spanish, intends to break racial barriers. Lopez explained, "Ihope to bring the Spanish community together with the FSC community.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In response to Mr. Buckley's letter regarding Ms. Olsen, I have this to say: "YOU IGNORANT, SEXIST BOY!" He wrote, "a local girl getting her jollies." He probably also believes that women ask to be raped. PITIFUL!

Ann Marie Charland

Dear Editor:

I was disturbed and disappointed in the position taken by James Buckley in his Letter to the Editor, published in The Strobe issue of October 10, 1990. While I understand and agree with his point that athletes (of either sex) should enjoy basic rights of privacy from intruders (of either sex), we part company when this issue is used to deflect or mitigate the offensiveness of the alleged behavior.

Blaming the victim may do much to ease the conscience, but it also does little to advance the course of a civilized society. Rather than search specious justification of reprehensible conduct, we should focus our outrage on those ignoble few whose acts of indignity demean us all.

Sincerely, T.J. Carroll



Dear Editor:

They say Question 3 will "send a message" to state government. We are told a "yes" vote on Question 3 is a vote against an overweight and unbalanced state budget, while a "no" vote is simply a defense of the status quo. But don't believe them.

Whether Question 3 passes or not, state government will undergo sweeping reforms. If you vote no on Question 3, you're not voting for business as usual.

Our new governor and a substantially differently legislature will overhaul state government simply because they must. Public anger is reason enough, but even without the irrational demands of Ouestion 3, the facts speak to the trouble that lies ahead. If allowed to grow unchecked, Medicaid expenditures alone, federally-mandated health care for the elderly, disabled, and poor, will cost \$16 billion by the middle of the 1990s. That's \$2 billion more than our entire state budget today.

The state budget, by its nature, is growing too fast. Revenues can't keep pace. And the problem clearly isn't overspending on education, social services, the environment, or even topheavy government loaded with state employees. In all these areas, we're spending less today than we were two or three years ago. State government now has fewer employees than it did in 1981.

Massachusetts' budget shortfall is largely due to a doubling in local aid to cities and towns over a seven-year period, and five specific mandated accounts, now commonly labeled "budget-busters." Together, the "budget-busters" consume one-third of the state budget. There is almost a unanimous agreement that what we need are management reforms, not more across-the-board cuts. Even the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation and the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, the state's two most conservative watchdog organizations, oppose Question 3.

The Taxpayers Foundation summed it up this way: "Fund-

ing for many state programs is actually below 1989 or, as in the case of local aid and education, below even 1988 levels. The state will spend less for these purposes than it spent two years ago. Nevertheless, total spending increases. Why? Because other costs are going up dramatically."

It's time for a serious look at the four areas which the "budget-busters" encompass and the strategies for bringing them under control.

Health Care: The costliest of the bunch. Thirty percent of all state spending is for some type of health care. Medical costs are skyrocketing for everyone - individuals, businesses, and government alike. In Massachusetts, an over-use of emergency rooms, overregulation, excess beds in community hospitals, and our role as one of the world's leading centers of medical research and training (which gives us some of the best health care in the world), all contribute to high

Through Medicaid, the state provides health care to people who can't afford it. Three-quarters of them are senior citizens and the disabled; the rest are the unemployed and working poor. We'll spend \$2.6 billion this year on Medicaid and it's growing by about fifteen percent every year. To control Medicaid, the state has already improved payment collection, eliminated payment for some procedures, and begun competitive bidding for the purchase of medical drugs.

State health care spending also covers medical insurance for state employees. Here too, medical costs are driving the price tag up, even though there are fewer state employees today and the state recently began collecting co-payments from health maintenance organizations, who were previously exempted.

What can be done? Medicaid needs a complete review of who qualifies for assistance and which health care options we provide. Massachusetts,

generous in these areas, must bring itself in line with other states guidelines for eligibility and services and must consider strategies used elsewhere, including co-payments. Structural reforms will help, too. Visits to the doctor, emergency room care, and nursing homes are all mandated budget expenses, but home care is not, and therefore suffers repeated cuts, despite the fact that it is the cheaper and more efficient type of care. We can also encourage greater use of long-term care insurance and home-sharing. We can consolidate the several agencies which oversee health care and reduce unnecessary government regulation. Adopting some combination of proposals, after an open and public debate, will go a long way toward controlling health care costs.

Debt Service: Over the past decade, a reasonable slice of the state budget was spent on paying back money we borrowed from time to time for major construction and land-protection projects. Especially during the 1980s when Massachusetts' credit was the best possible and we borrowed at extremely attractive rates, this made sense. It not only invested in important long-term educational, environmental, and public works projects, but at the same time, created thousands of construction jobs, boosting the economy in the short term period.

More recently however, the state borrowed extensively for a less acceptable reason: To pay off annual budget deficits. Worse, because of its budget problems, Massachusetts' credit rating took a nose-dive. We must pay off this short-term debt, bring our obligations back under control, regain a top-notch credit rating, and properly manage all future state borrowing.

State Pension System: Unfortunately, high pension costs are due to the tragic mismanagement of the state pension system over a forty year period. On top of that, the number of retired state workers is growing rapidly. Since the state neglected its contribution to the pension system, we're paying off the liability now in keeping pace with the growing ranks of retired employees. We'renow in the third

year of a strict time-line for repaying the pension debt. Sticking to this schedule is critical to keeping pension costs manageable and guaranteeing retired public employees the pensions they have earned and paid for.

The M.B.T.A. and other Public Transportation Systems: Public transportation, much of it for Boston area communities, is the final major budget expense. The "T" is the oldest system in the country, and needs costly improvements. However, while investing in public transportation, we must demand better management and efficiency. Capital spending at the M.B.T.A. should be capped, and the legislature should start appropriating the state's subsidy to the "T" every year, instead of reimbursing the authority for expenses.

Massachusetts need to control each of these areas of spending through innovative, and sometimes controversial reforms. Only through strict management will the

"budget-busters" stop growing three or four times faster than revenues, forcing us time and again to cut education, human services, law enforcement, and environmental protection programs.

They say Question 3 sends a message. And it does. But the message says only one thing: "We're mad." It carries no suggestions, no new ideas, no answers. Question 3 fails to address the most important job facing state government today: taking charge of the largest and fastest growing parts of our budget. This is the key to controlling state spending throughout this decade and returning to a time whenevery priority and critical service gets a fair share of our tax dollars.

Sincerely,

Stan Rosenberg

Ed. Note: Representative Stan Rosenberg, who represents Amherst and Pelham, is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

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FRATURES

FSC SOARs to become an uncommon college

by Todd Weldon Strobe staff

Those students and administrators who participated in the recent SOAR (Society Organized Against Racism) conference realized that Fitchburg State needs to become more racially aware. "We're behind in race relations compared to the other colleges," commented Alvin Riley Jr., the Access director of minority affairs.

Two out of the eight students, Kate Plante and Tracy Rubadou, both SGA members, felt it was an eye opening experience and were shocked, Plante explained. "I realized we're not doing anything, we need more involvement to face racism on this campus."

Likewise, Rubadou couldn't believe the actions other colleges were taking and was shocked at the lack of actions at FSC. According to Rubadou, the other colleges are a step ahead, meaning that they have passed the awareness stage.

Bobbi Crane of Student Affairs, also viewed FSC as lacking awareness and involvement programs. However, Crane continued, "It's great that the students have an interest now. They'll be able to promote awareness and teach others."



Selvin Chambers of Access

Strobe photo by Andrea Wallace

Both Selvin Chambers, an Access counselor, and Riley feel that the conference was most informative, and believe that the students made a significant impact.

"It is sad that we have to leave campus to become aware..." stated Chambers. "If this is an uncommon college, then why do we need to go off campus to become a racially aware uncommon college?" Here on campus, when problems occur, people hide it and then the issue builds up like stress. Chambers advised, "If FSC doesn't solve the problems, they will escal ate."

Riley mentioned that in this area (Fitchburg), racism has been

undercover for a few years. Perceptions of minorities need to be changed. Riley also explained, "Stereotypes need to be unlearned."

Cultural performances from a Latino Fraternity and a Philippine and African group increased the awareness of cultural diversities. Rubadou explained, "The atmosphere was filled with such energy, that there was a feeling of togetherness when we were working and interacting with one another." However, when she thought of the FSC student body she didn't have the same feelings. Rather, she felt more tension.

Chambers states the FSC campus needs to be sensitized, while Riley added, "FSC needs to be inclusive."

Chambers suggested, "If you include minorities, they'll learn about themselves but also, others will learn about us(minorities)."

FSC is one of the founding fathers of SOAR. Although FSC pays the annual membership dues, at this time there is no existing chapter established on campus. Once a chapter is actively established, sensitizing programs could be created. Riley explained, "R.A.'s could go through skits about minority confrontations by showing the do's and don'ts."

More importantly, Riley would like both the students and administrators to meet weekly or monthly to deal with the racial problems. He would like it to be on a continuous basis, rather than only when incidents occur. "Only then, can we move towards being known as an uncommon college," explained Riley.

Club Comm/Med plans changes for Tunnel of Terror

by Courtney Phaneuf Contributing writer

It was a dark and scary night. The wind was howling through dead tree branches, leaves were whipping around everywhere. Wild dogs barked at a full moon, and black cats hissed at each other in tremendous fear. A thick fog began to roll in. Amid all these spooky sounds, the fog seemed to cover everything in a creepy silence....

It is time again for the season of Halloween, time again for the celebration of witches and ghouls, ghosts, pumpkins, and, of course, haunted houses.

Club Comm/Med is hard at work planning the third annual production of "Tunnel of Terror." This year, the club is discovering new outlets for planning and production. To top the list, this year's "Tunnel" is being planned around

handicapped accessibility, something that has never been done in the past.

Inspired by James LeDuc, a Communication/Mediamajor, the access through the Edgerly tunnel will be utilized as the handicapped entranced. According to LeDuc, "there are only 4 or 5 handicapped persons on campus. I don't feel that we will be deprived by missing the first room. It is, after all, only a waiting room for each group. And we get to participate in the rest of the 'Tunnel' which was not possible in the past."

The planning of the production has been separated into five subcommittees. These consist of Publicity, Construction, Set Decoration, Talent, and Special Effects. Each subcommittee has a volunteer leader, but all club members an equally participate in any aspect of the production either through ideas or actual "hands-

on"help. According to Kris Akins, President of Club Comm/Med, "in the past, everybody worked on everything together, and all at the same time. This year, we decided that by splitting the production into actual groups or phases, and having volunteer leaders, there would be less confusion and more communication throughout the planning and the production of 'Tunnel of Terror'."

The number of group volunteers was tremendous. These leaders include: Fran Santangelo and Marc Hecht (Publicity), Jamie Day and Tom Hamilton (Construction), Josh Ferrell (Set Decoration), George Lopez and Peter Sofronas (Talent), and Paul Ahern and Jamie Day (Special Effects). The club decided that these leaders would serve as channels of communication throughout the production. All club members will work together equally on each

aspect of putting the production together.

The EMT's and the Falcon Players have both shown an interest in volunteering their time as organizations to help club Comm/Medin the "Tunnel of Terror" production. These organizations have volunteered their manpower, and will be involved in both the planning and the production stages of the "Tunnel."

As in the past, the club will utilize two rooms for their own purpose. The old commuters cafeteria (TOCC) will remain a holding tank for each group before entering the tunnel. The T5 classroom will also remain as the make-up and break room for those working on the "Tunnel" production.

The "Tunnel" itself will consume a good portion of rooms, including a few that were not utilized in the past. The path will

include classrooms T1-T4 as well as all connecting tunnels. This year the "Tunnel" will be longer, and the exit will be out of Percival tunnel into the Miller parking lot. This path was chosen because of handicapped accessibility.

This years production will prove to be very different, although equally exiting, from those in the past. The club members have many new ideas on how to utilize the many rooms and tunnels, as well as closets and corners.

The production will run from Monday, October 29 through Wednesday, October 31 (Halloween). The Tunnel will open at 7 p.m. and close at 11 p.m. each night. Tickets will cost \$3 with a student ID or \$4 without, and can be bought at the tunnel entrance each night. There will be no student access through the tunnel during class times on these days.

So beware...and get ready for a trip from HELL!!!

FSC students take pride in their collections

by Kevin Chapman Strobe staff

The door at the end of the dark hall stands locked. The signnailed to the door reads: "PRIVATE: KEEP OUT!" This is the room where only the owner of the house is allowed to enter. Behind this door rests the owner's most prized and most important possessions. The children are not allowed in this room. It is dad's room.

This type of door keeps the outsiders away from the important possessions that keep dad's past alive. It is where he plans his important strategies and protects the family investments. Behind this door and others like it, is a room full of Mickey Mouse paraphernalia and dozens of GI Joe dolls poised to battle Darth Vadar and TRON. These rooms protect the precious Mickey Mantle rookie cards and mom's crystal statues.

These rooms are the dreams of some Fitchburg State College students who will never part with their special collections. "Some day I want a room that's going to have penguin wallpaper and I'm going tokeep all my penguin things in there," boasts twenty-two year old Moe Sullivan, waving her arms among hundreds of pieces of penguin paraphernalia.

Jim Gee, also 22, tilts back in his chair and looks to the ceiling saying, "When I get older I'm going to have my Mickey room and I'm just going to sit there and think. No kids. No wife. Nothing. Just me and Mickey." Gee, who wears a piece of Mickey Mouse clothing somewhere on his body everyday, proudly announces that his collection has recently gone international with posters and postcards sent to him by friends in Italy and Finland.

Linda Lee will be more open with her prized collection of crystal pieces. Suspended from the curtain rods by pieces of string, they cast miniature rainbows throughout the room when the sunlight passes through them.

Nineteen year old Kevin Robertson continues his childhood affection for action figures to this day. "I started around 1977 when the Star Wars figures came out. I also used to get GI Joe dolls for Christmas. When I started getting money, around age 14, I bought 'em all." With a laugh he adds, "and of course now I have the turtles," referring to the latest rage in the movie and action figure worlds, the Teenage Mutant Ninja

Robertson lifts the Oakland A's hat off his head when he shifts to the serious issue of his collection being considered childish. "I figure if I feel like doing it, I'll do it. People who think it's childish are just close minded." With the hat back securely on his head he continues, "I don't see it as an investment. They can be if you keep them in the package, but I don't. Some

day I want a room for all my comics and a big GI Joe scene." Chris Dickerson collected base-

Chris Dickerson collected baseball cards as a kid and continues today. "I loved to buy cards as a kid. I buy sets now because I love to have every card. Serious collectors buy sets for the money but I buy them for the same reasons I did when I was a kid, the love of the game."

With a fellow collector, Dickerson talks for hours about his three Jose Canseo rookie cards, the Bump Wills mistake card that says the Texas Ranger is on the Toronto Blue Jays, his complete set of the inaugural year of the Upper Deck Series of cards (the first year Upper Deck brand cards were printed was 1989), and his favorite card of all time, Ken Griffy Jr.'s rookie card that he refers to as "Junior." "It's childish and it isn't childish. It is not something I would share with a woman on a first date, but I've seen many older men and women at baseball card shows. And I suppose it could be a financial investment."

Each of these collector's eyes widen when they talk about their favorite or their oldest piece. Their future plans are to save a part of their childhood so they can see how much they have changed. Gee picks out an oldshirt and with a red face says, "See how skinny I used to be!"

Eugene Maslov visits FSC

by Christine Houle Strobe staff

Pianist Eugene Maslov, performed here at Fitchburg State College on October 16 in the campus center lounge. This performance was part of the Noontime Notes series, which presents lunch hour musical performances throughout the year.

Maslov was born in the USSR and trained as a classical pianist. He fell in love with American jazz by listening to Voice of America broadcasts. Maslov played with Pearl Bailey, Gary

Burton, Louis Bellson, and Dave Brubeck at the American embassy in Moscow.

Since emigrating to the United States over a year and a half ago, he has performed with other jazz notables, including Pat Metheny, Billy Taylor, and Steve Swallow. Also when Steinway's "world's most expensive piano" was in Boston as a part of a world tour, Maslov was invited to perform.

Although Maslov has been hailed for his performances of Rahmanioff, he played mostly jazz at his Fitchburg debut.

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Police Blotter

Public safety officers responded to the following incidents between Monday, October 8 and Monday, October 15, 1990. Some of these incidents are alleged and some are still under investigation.

Disturbance in town houses.

Off campus report of student on student assault.

Ambulance transport to Burbank.

Dispersal of individuals from North St. lots.

Medical transport from Russell to Burbank. Fire alarm—Russell, fire extinguisher discharged.

Alcoholviolation—Aubuchon.

Medical transport to Burbank.

Noise complaint in Town House 2.

Noise complaints: Town Houses 6 and 3.

Disorderly person in Pub.

Medical transport to Nashoba Hospital.

Disturbance in vicinity of New Halls.

Dispersal from Russell towers.
Confiscation of alcohol from New Halls.

Medical transport to Burbank.

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Students register with admissions staff at Fridays at Fitchburg

Strobe photo by Andrea Wallace

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ARTS &

ENTERTAINMENT

Fall Movie pickings

Contributing writer

After a sequel summer of mediocrity, decent films have returned to the big screen this fall. No, not all are great works of celluloid arts, but they certainly fare better than the slim pickings that were in the theater this summer.

First is Mike Nichols' delightful comedy, "Postcards From the Edge." This amusing flick tells the slightly autobiographical story of Carrie Fisher, played by Meryl Streep, and her struggles with drugs, men, but more importantly, her mother. Shirley MacLaine gives a splendid performance as Streep's closet alcoholic mom. Streep proves as she did in "She Devil," that she can be impressive as a comedic actress. Fisher wrote the screen play for the film which is based upon her

John Schlesinger's "Pacific Heights" is a terrific thriller starring Melanie Griffith, Matthew Modine, and Michael Keaton. Griffith and Modine star as a young couple who buy and restore a Victorian home and rent out the bottom apartments to make ends meet. Keaton gives a sinister performance as a tenant from hell. However, there is more to Keaton's character. He is a con artist, causing Griffith and Modine severe problems, which for him is strictly business. Despite the predictable ending, the overall film has character and proves to be a great Friday night thriller.

"Mr. Destiny" is a light, watery comedy starring Jim Belushi and Michael Caine. The plot is trite and familiar. Belushi plays Larry Buroughs, a down-on-his-luck executive whose life surely would be better if only he had hit a game winning homerun for his high school team twenty years ago. Caine, providing the lone bright spot for this film, magically changes Buroughs life as he goes from failure to hero. With his new status, Buroughs life is apparently better. He's rich and successful, has a beautiful wife, and two darling children. Alas, poor Larry realizes what he has given up, a loyal and loving wife, his happily married parents, and most importantly, Sammy the family dog. "Mr. Destiny" is harmless fun, but wait for the video.

Winona Ryder and Jeff Daniels star in the comedy drama "Welcome Home Roxy Carmichael." As the title suggests, Roxy Carmichael is returning to her home town in Clyde, Ohio. Now a legend in Clyde, the flagrant Roxy left the town for better things after prematurely having a baby, by Daniels' character. Now, fifteen years later, she's retuning to dedicate a school of cosmetology, and her legendary status has compelled the town to hold "Roxy Carmichael" week. Ryder gives a harming performance as Dinky Bossetti, a social outcast. Despite the typical tie-up-all-looseends-ending, "Welcome Home Roxy Carmichael" is a welcome sight at the movies.

Replacements get "All Shook Down"

by Matt Datillo Strobe staff

In 1989, "The Replacements" released "Don't Tell A Soul," with the help of producer Matt Wallace, and the album brought more critical acclaim than the band had ever experienced. The album seemed to be the final refinement of what the Minnesota quartet liked to call their "trash punk" sound. Although he hadn't really made any significant contributions on the previous two albums, wayward lead guitarist Bob Stinson hadn't been replaced by anyone more significant than a session musician. Slim Dunlap became an official member of the group, and contributed a much more musical approach to guitar than the for-

"Don't Tell A Soul" was a removal from the garage sound, and Wallace heightened the effect by mixing in a lot of backing tracks that didn't sound at all too extraneous with the new refinement. With the band's 1990 release, "All Shook Down,"the group's lyrical brain trust and front man, Paul Westererg, joined forces with producer Scott Litt. In the past, Litt has worked with the likes of "Indigo Girls" and "R.E.M.," and

now he can add another great work to his list.

Produced by Westerberg and Litt, "All Shook Down" takes the band back into the garage, but not back to their roots. The recording is much more acoustically driven, and Westerberg's often satirical lyrics take aim at more level headed, mature topics. The song "Nobody" recounts his attending a former loves wedding:

"Heart aches on your wedding day. Double takes when they look my way. Knees quake, their ain't a shotgun in the place. You like the frosting, you just bought the cake." Although his typical cynical humor shines through, he adds his regretful thoughts: "Your eyes can't fake, you're still in love with nobody, and I used to be nobody.'

The album was a collaboration of various artists. In fact, The four members as a soul unit play together only on the song "Attitude," a jumpy self-proclamation of how Westerberg's past has molded his life into the whirl wind existence that is now the rock and roller. "Concrete Blonde's" Johnette Napolitano joins Westerberg for a duet on "My Little Problem," the albums

only song that is pure rock. 'Someone Take the Wheel" and "Happy Town" also stand out as upbeat gems, the latter sounding off with a bit of Rolling Stone influence. As usual, "The Replacements" have also come up with great tracks that balance the album with a more subdued tone. "Sadly Beautiful" and "The Last" make the grade, as well. As well as the title track which re-instates with an oriental flute that makes the spine tingle.

It is possible that this recording may be the last with the name of the band on it, as there are no plans to support it on tour. Thus, it would lose an era of yet another band that stepped out of the underground and matured to the point of breaking up for lack of anywhere to go. Of course, it would be hard to imagine Westerberg not putting forth solo efforts, especially with the likes of Steve Berlin and John Cale supporting "All Shook Down." Therefore, if one is to condemn the band for leaving the genre that they carried to their final status, one must remember that "All Shook Down" could be the perfect epitaph for an enigma such as "The Replacements."

Segal is marked by violence

by James Gugliuzza Contributing writer

Steven Segal is becoming a pro in the macho cop scene, as "Marked For Death," his latest film, arrives in theaters. Segal plays John Hatcher, a retired FBI agent who finds himself a target for a drug running Jamaican cult. Hatcher wants only to enjoy the newfound peace in his retirement, but an encounter with the Jamaican a local par leads to threats upon his niece, and later his family.

Segal may be best remembered for his performances in "Above the Law" and "Hard to Kill." Not unlike his previous works, "Marked for Death" may be considered another

typical action film. No doubt, however, these films are making Segal into yet another violent movie hero. "Marked for Death" will probably prove as successful as the other Segal films, since the formula is the same: blood, violence, and action.

For action film fans, "Marked for Death" is worth seeing for Segal's fight scenes alone. After all, "Marked for Death" may be a typical action film, with the "retired cop seeks revenge" plot that is repeated endlessly, but Segal is far from a typical action film



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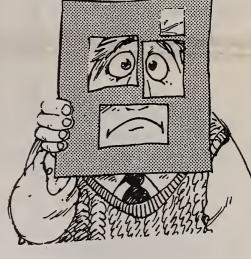


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Kev,

Let's try for 48 hours next time. Clean those shoes. Slap! Still Sober! - Sticky

Let's study functions. Where's your brother??? - Cauricci Man

Stop flicking my ear! Rock the house! - Sticky

Jules,

Whenever you're ready.

- Jamie (celibate, with asexual ten-

Kelly,

Pools of melted wax dripping off your stomach. Love Johnny D.

Dan C is an anorexic power lifter. Love OJ

It will be hard to tip over beds with two broken hands, sitting in a wheel chair.

- One Mad Dog

You are a dancing machine! I want to grind you like hamburg.

Darell & Pete

New York City is a long ride for a \$25 hummer!! Boston is only an hour.

- Concerned Friend

Richie Boy,

Don't worry about the game. Come over to my house for some Bass in your face!

-Uncle Jim

Buckner,

You wouldn't have dropped the ball if the Amazon threw it. - Coach

Rich and Reegs

Do you two own stock in AT&T or what. Talk to each other. You'll save money.

- The other two phonies

Matt's adope, vote Rock for Pope.

Buy her a ring, don't be so cheap! -Rock

Matt for Pope Brian for Messiah Caissie for secretary Rock for Papal Stable Boy

Stop! Go away! - Rock

Karen.

How cold is it outside?

Love, me

Court,

Can we play fire hydrant? Love, Myron

Q.B.P.

I think its safe to say that our mission has been successful - 27 days!! Thanks for all your help - I couldn't have done it without you! (I know, I've tried) But remember - Attitude is key!!

Erik

- S.L. Swilly

Dude, let's hook up this weekend. Must avoid townhouses! Ohhh, uhhh. Spill, spill - block, block, block! Some day we will conquer that hill!! Kevin

Sticky,

Buddy! 38 cups is a New Halls record. We've built our own "Empire"! This weekend - how about another trip to our North Street Condo? Jeopardy 3 man tag-team rules! Good luck with polka dots.

Sober! -Kev

Wendy,

"What's it gonna be?" "Lovin' you is a dirty job," but I'm the man to do it. "Please give me something to believe in.'

Homeboy and Nixon are pals for life and want you to vote. It depends on #3

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Don't forget to invite us to the next counter-jumping episode at 603.-Us

Dr. Hotchkiss did youreally share the cookies? -K2

Kate, Let's work Heathcliff

Brenda F. You are a hot sh-t. From your knight

Just remember - I don't get mad I get even. -Allison

The FSC Christian Fellowship is jumping! Join us in the jump!

"I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me. -Jesus Christ

Tanya,

Keep laughing & smiling! "A friend loveth at all times.' (Prov. 17:17) Love, Jane

Chris & Beth

Thanks for all the great times we had...and thanks for all the sweets! Love, Jane, Colleen, Marcelle, Jennifer & Kim

Sticky

Your dream world is about to end

"Cream Cheese" is fattening, so don't eat too much of it!!!

To the kid with the muscles, the kid with the hat and THE HOE, We love you all!!!

- J & K in Aub

I want that T-shirt. Just kidding. - Marc the G.S.

To Miriam P, Julie M and Cheryl It's real good meeting up with you again!

Love, Michelle

Are those prescription goggles you're wearing? Slut. - Ted

Attn Jumpin Jeff M.

Us FSC chicks are aware of what you and your two roommates (Gator & Decoy) are up to. Scamming girls for points is nothing to be proud of. We won't be used! - The Socially Aware Women

Dan & Caz

Stop playing with each others joysticks. Too much Nintendo can make you go blind!

-Your Roomier

Visions of lacey under garments, ritual lager and gymnastic sacra-

- Matt for Pope Committee

Sisters of Phi Omega Psi: We are the best!

To the FSC Administration This is America, what happened to innocent until proven guilty? - M.B. & K.G.

"When black hands are raised with white hands, when rich hands are raised with poor hands, that's when governments tremble."

- Bruce Springsteen

Question: Who is this Matt, and why does he want to be Pope?

- Concerned Citizen

To all Greeks,

Now is the time to pull together because what we do that is good for the college and community is overshadowed by administrators attitudes to kick us all off.

- Fellow Greeks

Thanks for the long talks. You're a great friend. -Ellen

Happy Halloween! Love, Mick and Petina

To Kate, Michelle and Tracey Happy Halloween!!! Love, Patty

Donna T. You're mine. I "luv" U "The SQUID"

DC is lost without the skeezer powers of the SQUID.

To K.E.G. I'm here in your time of need! Love ya

Congrats on your two goals, but we like the Hat Trick better. You

Christy-Get up & finish the cheer! - Kathi

should see the trainer.

Love, North Force

Hollie,

I was happy-you just couldn't see it through all those tears! Thanks! Kathi

Lea

I've seen you in the Commuter Cafe Thursdays 10-11. I think your Bee-utiful!!

- Cheryl

Ben (Scum bag), Happy belated birthday! P.S. We like your pants too! Love, Chrissy & Cheryl

Shawn-

You know what I like to watch you do!

-El

Gonzo & Kris,

The Zipper works fine, but I need to borrow a yardstick! Love, Ernie

To Meat,

Loved watching you maneuver that big bat of yours while you penetrated all the gaps. Your softball teammate and much, much more. "A"

To Sig Tau Pledges,

You are as stupid as rocks, and you will crumble into pebbles!

Tammy, Your passionate eyes, your warm

love you all the while. - Joe

smile your heart-filled sighs, I'll

FSC,

Come to my Chamber of Torture in the Tunnel of Terror and get a thrill!!! -"The Ringmaster"

I.L.Y.F.,

Just wanted to tell you I love you! Love, I.L.Y.F.E

Jen Y., You're beautiful! Love OJ

Attention Mohawks:

Regardless of what you may think - we still love you. 1-800——us! Hugs and kisses. love, CL6

To the boys in Townhouse 603, Pull up your diapers!

Here's the personal you begged for! Ha!

Andrea,

I'm sorry. Please forgive me. Mary

for December, aren't you?

I'm psyched to pay double rent

Α

We reserve the right to edit or not publish any personals.

-You know who

Will.

You don't know me. I wish you did.

Sports continued...

Jeff Moda Bruins named **FSC** track captain

by David Marsh Sports Information Director

Two-time All-American, Jeff Moda, was recently named captain of Fitchburg State's mens indoor and outdoor track team.

A native of West Boxford, MA, Moda first gained All-American status as a freshman in the 4 x 400 meter relay. He followed that performance last year with similar honors in the outdoor 200 meter event.

The junior is also the twotime defending ECAC Champion in the indoor 55 meters. Last year, he also won the New England Division III outdoor crowns in the 100 meters and the 4x100 meter relay.

Moda is an intense competitor and an outstanding leader, which led to his post as team

weekly

by David Walsh Strobe staff

Week of October 8th-14th

Boston 4 Winnipeg 2

The Bruins remained undefeated due to excellent goaltending in this game from Reggie Lemelin. Dave Christian, Dave Poulin, Peter Douris, and Glen Wesley scored for Boston.

Boston 3 Minnesota 3

Bruins blew a 3-0 lead in this one. They had to hang on for dear life and a miraculous stick save by Andy Moog in overtime was the only thing preventing the Bruins from losing.

Lyndon Byers, Don Sweeney, and Wes Walz scored for Boston.

Los Angeles 7 Boston 1

Wayne Gretzky proved himself king of the ice as he led the streaking Kings to an early surge. John Carter scored Boston's only

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SPORTS

FSC football team win two in a row

by Dave Walsh Strobe staff

Sporting the confidence of a veteran team, the Fitchburg State football team traveled to Southeastern Mass, and slipped by the Corsairs 7-6 to bring home their second consecutive victory.

Pat Keough scored on a 1 yard plunge with 13:35 left in the game to give the Falcons the lead. Phil Doherty's successful conversion proved to be the difference in the game. Freshman Brendon Skafas led the Falcons with 61 yards rush-

ing on 15 carries

SMU played strongly when William Johnson scored on a 4 yard run to cut the lead to one point with 4:52 left. The defense rose to the occasion as they stopped the conversion run and brought the victory home.

The win vaulted FSC into 2nd place in the Southern Division of the New England Football Conference with a 2-1 record (2-4 overall).

The Falcons take on Framingham State Saturday afternoon at 1:00 P.M.

Field hockey team gives good effort

by Sandy Lathrop Strobe staff

The Fitchburg State College field hockey team suffered two losses this past week as they continue to struggle. On Saturday (10-11-90), the Falcons were rushed at Bridgewater State by a score of 5-1. Their only goal was knocked in by junior wing Kristy Faugno with the assist credited to sophomore Debbie Watters. Goalie Gina Urbani managed 7 saves despite a tough afternoon.

The Falcons suffered a 1-0 loss

to the Salem State College Vikings on Monday afternoon at Elliott Field. FSC played well and remained close the entire game because of the efforts of Urbani (10 saves).

The losses dropped the Falcons to 1-2 in the MASCAC and 4-7 overall. Jennifer Kapenas continues to lead the MASCAC in scoring with 11 points.

Fitchburg State will try to snap their losing streak with a game against Worcester State on the 18th and another match up with Simmons College on the 20th.

Volleyball team undefeated in MASCAC

by Cheryl Hines Strobe staff

The Fitchburg State College volleyball team has found how teamwork and togetherness can add up to victory. Recent victories over Bridgewater State and New Hampshire College (3-0) have improved the team's record to 11-10. The Falcons currently sport a 4-0 record in the MAS-CAC and have just been invited to play in the MAIAW tournament for the second consecutive season.

Coach Bob Murray has helped

this young team with his great knowledge of the game. The team was expecting to go through a rebuilding process, but have surprised many with their excellent play. Co-captain Dawn Viera stated, "When the team works together, we are difficult to beat, but when the teamwork is not present, we are beatable."

The MAIAW tournament involves FSC, Regis College, WPI, and Simmons College. The roundrobin tournament will be held at Simmons. The two teams with the best records will square off for the championship.

Sports Symposium

by Mike McCrystal Strobe staff

After a tough start, the Fitchburg State College football team has won two in a row and are now gaining some long-overdue respect and success.

It seems the Patriots are making morenews off the field than on the field. It was just a matter of time before Irving Fryar got involved.

Officials play an important role in the outcome of games. A prime example was the missed pass interference call in the Michigan-Michigan State game. It cost Michigan the game.

O.K. here goes. I'll blow my cover. I'm a Hartford Whalers fan and I predict that the Whalers will finish ahead of the Bruins.

New rule in the NHL: A referee can award a team a goal if the net is purposely knocked off the moorings during a legitimate scoring bid.

Former Bruin and now Hartford Whalers announcer, Gerry Cheevers feels that defensemen should "massage players' faces" when they get too close to the goaltender.

Derek Sanderson feels that this will be Glen Wesley's year. Could this be due to the fact that he has to make up for missing the open net in the first overtime in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final?

Due to his recent sentencing on cocaine charges, Bob Probert of the Detroit Red Wings cannot leave the country. He will not be allowed back in by the Dept. Of Immigration.

Yes sports fans, The National, a daily sports paper, is available in Boston.

I don't think it's a coincidence that Bob Welch won 27 games in the last year of his contract. Now he can test the free agent market for big bucks.

Expect a lot of different faces in the Red Sox starting lineup on opening day, 1991.

Mike Boddicker and Tom Brunansky are free agents and they don't want to stay in Boston.

Mike Marshall has asked the Red Sox to release him from his contract, so that he can play in Japan.

Baseball players are a strange breed! Pittsburgh Pirates shortstop Jay Bell was seen on national television yelling at his bat after he struck out looking in Game 4 of the NLCS.

The Sox brass feels that Clemens needs to seek psychological help because he can't handle stardom. A little help might tame his over-inflated ego.

Winning breeds unity. Losing causes discontent. During the regular season, the Sox were one big, happy family. After their loss to the A's, everyone wants out and wants Joe Morgan's head on a platter.

Another example of poor officiating: Terry Cooney throws out Clemens and dims any hope of a Red Sox comeback in the ALCS.

O.K. NFL producers, I think we've seen enough shots of the ceiling at the Astrodome.

On October 25th, Evander Holyfield will take on Buster Douglas and we'll finally see if Douglas' win over Tyson was a fluke.

The World Championships of Chess have started in New York City. I can barely stand the excitement.

Rumor has it D.J. may play for the Detroit Pistons. Let's hope not!

Joe Montana threw for six touchdowns, five of them to Jerry Rice, against the Falcons. Who is going to derail this freight train?

What's wrong with the L.A. Rams? They were supposed to challenge the 49ers this season.

Another example of poor officiating: Colorado scores the game-winning touchdown on the FIFTH down to beat upset-minded Missouri!

Danny Ainge is now a Portland Trail Blazer and this addition will help Portland dethrone the Pistons in the N.B.A. Championships.



Coach Sheehan nominated for Coach of the Year

by David Marsh Sports Information Director

Fitchburg State men's track and field coach Jim Sheehan has been nominated for 1990 New England Division III Outdoor Track Coach of the Year. This is the second time in three seasons the veteran coach has been nominated for the honor.

Last year, Sheehan led the Falcons outdoor squad to outstanding finishes in several regional meets. Fitchburg State came in 3rd in the New England Division III Championships and 7th in the New England All-Division meet. Sheehan's squad then finished 25th in the NCAA Division III

event. The Falcon head coach also helped two FSC athletes, Willis Todman and Jeff Moda, earn All-America honors in the NCAA meet.

In addition to his outdoor track duties, Sheehan is FSC's men's cross-country and indoor track and field coach.

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